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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

FOR ASST. SECRETARY MAYNES FROM BOWDLER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: POSSIBLE CONTACT GROUP STATEMENT ON
WALVIS BAY

REF: STATE 285790

1. I DISCUSSED YOUR MESSAGE WITH DON WHILE HE TRANSITED
JOHANNESBURG. WE DID NOT HAVE FILES WITH US TO CHECK FULL
RECORD BUT, TO BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION, THE RECENT
NEGOTIATING HISTORY ON WALVIS BAY IS AS FOLLOWS:
A) WE INFORMED SAG DURING PROXIMITY TALKS OF FOUR POINTS
WE WERE CONSIDERING MAKING AT SOME STAGE ON WALVIS BAY ISSUE.
B) SUBSEQUENTLY, THESE WERE INCORPORATED IN CLARIFYING LANGUAGE
INFORMALLY GIVEN TO FOURIE AFTER THE NEW YORK TALKS. (USUN 528)
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C) ON FEBRUARY 17, FOURIE GAVE THE CAPE TOWN FIVE HIS
REACTION TO CLARIFYING LANGUAGE (PARAGRAPH 8 OF
CAPE TOWN 305). HE OBJECTED TO MENTIONING THE FOUR
POINTS IN THE PROPOSALS BUT DID NOT OBJECT
TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE POINTS.
HE ALSO ASKED FOR ONE CHANGE IN THIRD POINT.
D) ON FEBRUARY 27, THE CAPE TOWN FIVE GAVE FOURIE A PAPER ON

CLARIFICATIONS (USUN 644 AND 677) TO WHICH FOURIE RESPONDED ON MARCH 8 (CAPE TOWN 456). AGAIN FOURIE INDICATED THAT THE SAG PREFERRED THAT THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS. IT WAS PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER HANDLING THE QUESTION ALONG THE LINES OF OUR FOUR POINTS BUT ASKED TO BE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE ON HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

2. THIS IS THE BACKGROUND TO THE UNDERSTANDING AND I THINK IT IS FAIR TO CONCLUDE THAT THE SAG HAS TACITLY AGREED TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOUR POINTS WITH ONE MODIFICATION MENTIONED IN CAPE TOWN 305. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN IN ON THIS WHOLE EXCHANGE SINCE IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED THROUGH THE CG AND CAPE TOWN FIVE.
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